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A CHANCE IN A MILLION

SAVED BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Hill, of Robin Street, Altona, had one of the happiest Christmases imaginable — only days before, their 22-months-old son Trevor was saved from drowning in a backyard swimming pool.

"It was a chance in a million and we're so lucky," said Mrs. Hill.

The Hills had just moved down from Queensland and Mr. Hill had gone to his job at Fabsteam Engineering at Blackshaws Road.

Mrs. Hill had a young friend staying in their flat and the front door was inadvertently left open. "One minute Trevor had been playing in the lounge and the next minute he had disappeared. He moved so quickly," said Mrs. Hill.

She searched the streets for about 15 minutes then her neighbor, Mr. Bill Mildrem, said he would help look for Trevor.

"Mr. Mildrem said he'd go into the house next door to see if Trevor might be in there and suddenly I heard him yelling to get an ambulance," said Mrs. Hill.

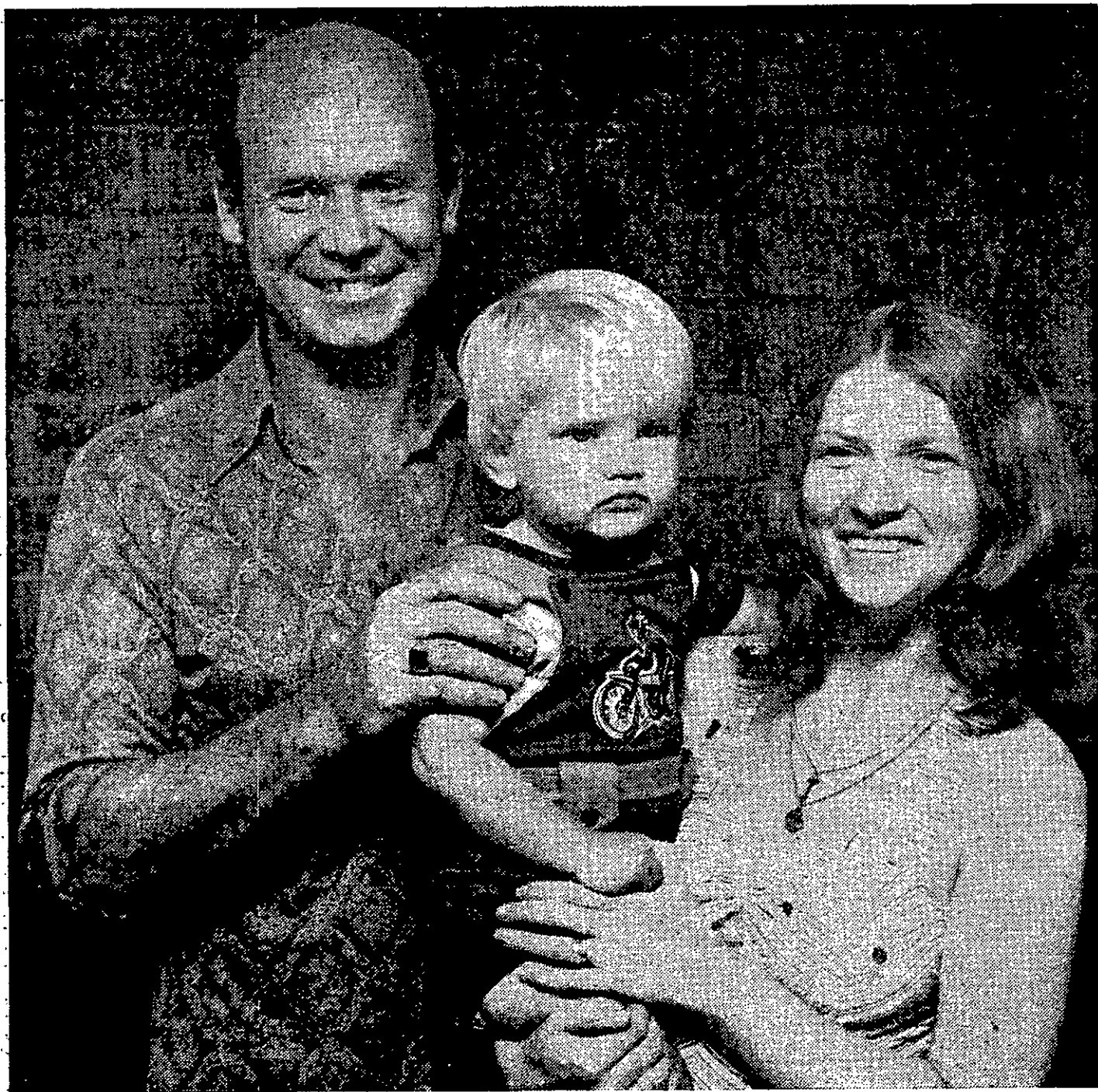
Trevor's heart had stopped beating and neither Mrs. Hill nor Mr. Mildrem were familiar with resuscitation procedures.

"Mr. Mildrem kept hitting Trevor on the heart and we waited for the ambulance to come.

"I had rung my husband and he arrived before the ambulance so we rushed Trevor to the local clinic where the ambulance took him to the Western General Hospital and then the intensive-care section at the Royal Children's," said Mrs. Hill.

He came home two days later.

● LEFT: Mr. Bill Mildrem who rescued baby Trevor Hill from drowning in a backyard swimming pool. Trevor is in the arms of his mother, Mrs. Jennifer Hill.



\$218,000 pavilion

Altona's W. L. J. Crofts Reserve and pavilion were officially opened late last month by the Member for Melbourne West, Mr. Alex Knight.

The \$218,000 pavilion (pictured) was financed

by Altona Council without any Government grants.

About 600 people attended the opening and watched an entertaining cricket match between the Altona North women's cricket team and men's team.

A plaque at the pavilion was unveiled by Mrs.

June Crofts, Altona mayoress, and wife of the councillor after whom the reserve is named.

Crofts Reserve covers 29 acres and was bought by the council in 1966 at a cost of \$102,775.

The council chose the name two years later in recognition of the work Cr. Crofts had done for

the city.

During the opening, Mr. Knight paid tribute to Cr. Crofts' 10 years on the council which have included two terms as mayor.

Mr. Knight also praised the council for the way it managed its affairs, for its sound financial position and the wide range

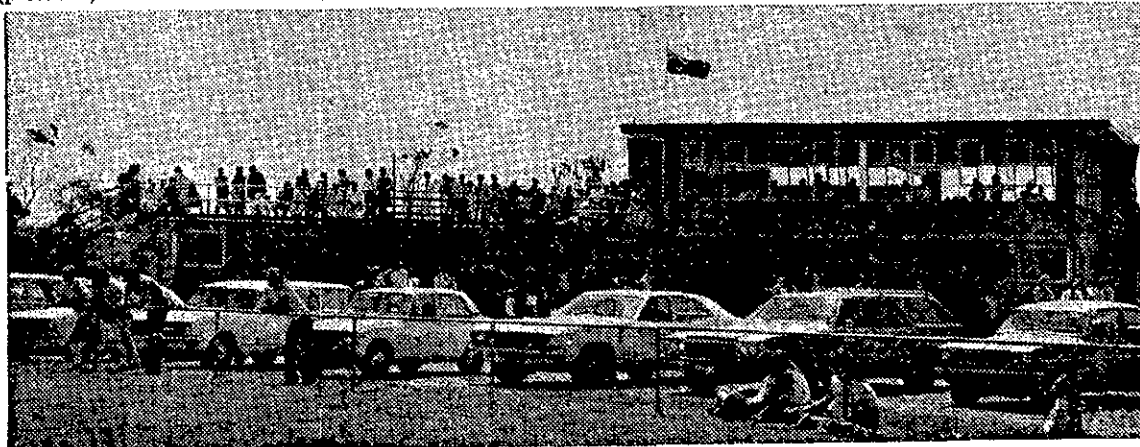
of services it provides.

Cr. Crofts told the gathering that council wanted to ensure maximum use of the facilities provided.

She complimented the Altona North Cricket Club, Altona Central Football Club and Altona North-Brooklyn Youth Club which would be using the pavilion, for cultivating junior sports in Altona.

The reserve provides two ovals, designed for simultaneous use with changing rooms for four teams at a time.

● The picture of Crofts Reserve and pavilion (left) was taken on the day of the official opening. The concrete deck on the left provides the chance for spectators to view games on the reserves two ovals — as well as a vista of Cherry Lake.



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Gamble pays off for Bob

A £500 gamble 12 years ago has paid off in a big way for Bob Taylor (pictured right), manager and owner of the Merritt Timber and Hardware complex, Pier Street, Altona.

Bob, now one of Altona's most successful traders, started the business back in 1964 when he and his partner rented some land and founded a timber yard.

Bob readily admits that it was a big gamble at the time — particularly as there was another established timber yard right opposite.

But it proved a winning punt and, although his partner pulled out after 18 months, Bob soon bought out the timber yard across the road and the business has been growing ever since.

Merritt Timber and Hardware now consists of a timber yard, plumbing-supplies shop and a sand and screenings yard on one side of Pier Street and a large hardware store on the other.

"It's really amazing how it's grown," said Bob, adding that he hadn't finished yet.

"My biggest aim now is to get it all under the one roof, at the moment you have to cross the road to get from one section to another."

Bob says that he employs between 14-16 people in the different sections and has three trucks and a ute that are on the road constantly.

Not bad for a former builder who started in the timber yard and hardware business almost by accident.

"As a builder I worked in Altona quite a lot and I was always cursing because materials were so hard to get — that's what got me to thinking about starting up a business of my own," he explained.

"Why has it proved such a success?"

"Well, we have a good customer relationship for a start, we're always prepared to talk turkey about discounts. We're also competitive, both in the handyman market and also for professional builders."

"And I've always said that a business is only as good as its staff. I have an exceptionally good staff who do everything they can to help the customers."

Although Bob often spends long hours on the job, he says the pressures of running a business don't worry him too much.

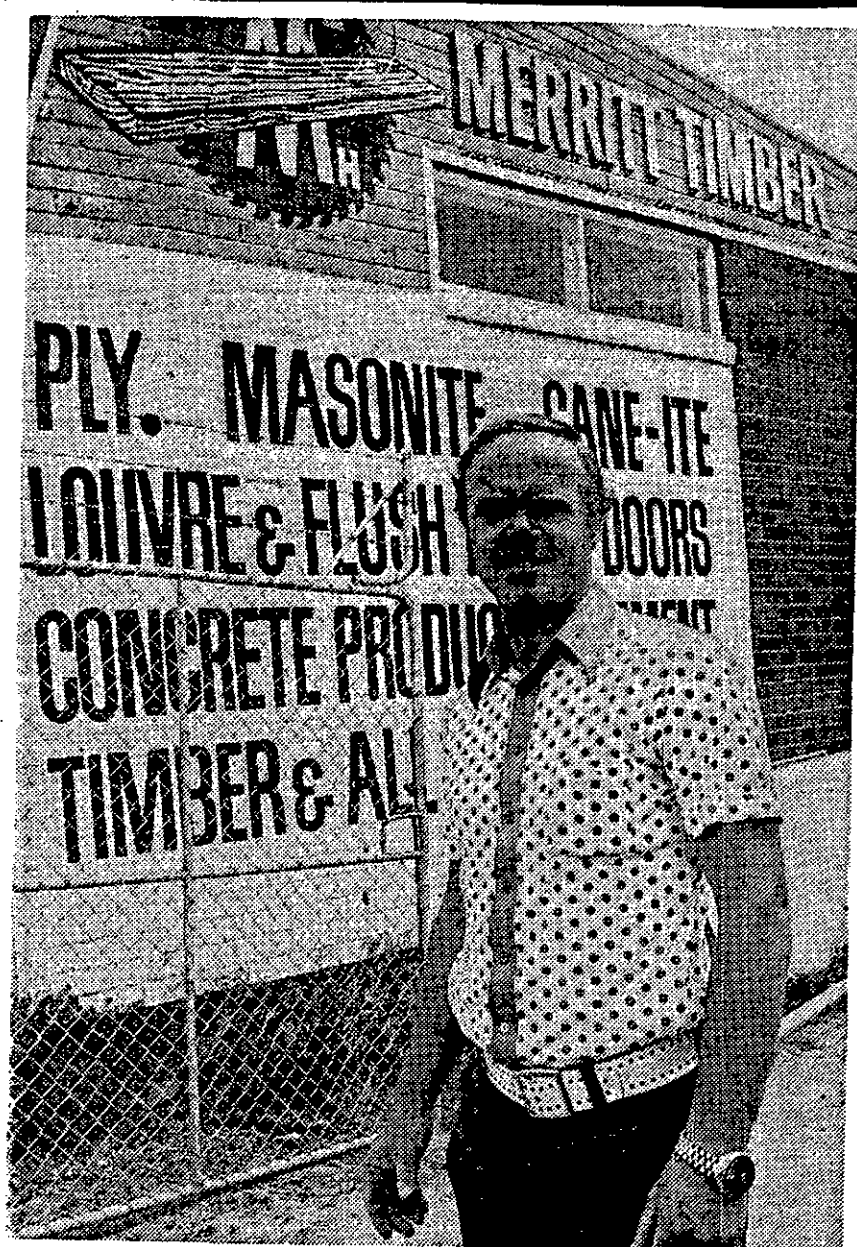
"I'm really very fortunate to be doing something I enjoy — the wheeling and dealing — everything, I just love it," he said, smiling.

A local boy, Bob was born in Williamstown, and now lives in Blyth Street, Altona, with wife, Valerie, and children, Andrew 9, Penny 7, and Nicholas, 21 months.

Most of his interests are curtailed by his business duties but Bob found time to watch his eldest son, Andrew, play football for Altona under 10s last season.

One final question that had to be asked was about the name of his business: why Merritt?

"Merritt was the name of the street where I built our first house. I guess it's always been quite lucky for us so I decided to use it in the business," he explained.



Mrs. Minty gives first aid as mercury hits 44

Newport's intrepid Red Cross worker, Mrs. Marion Minty braved 44 degree (Celsius) heat to give first aid to those who took part in the Red Cross canoe marathon just after Christmas.

The five-day marathon covers 250 miles from Yarrawonga to Swan Hill.

This was the fourth time Mrs. Minty had been to the marathon and this year was the first time that she sat in a canoe — but only momentarily for the blessing of the fleet by three Yarrawonga ministers.

Mrs. Minty has now travelled 1000 miles during the four marathons and she has been presented with a certificate by Red Cross headquarters in Melbourne.

Mrs. Minty said she and the other first aiders would have treated the 250 canoeists at least twice each during the five days.

"We bandaged their hands, treated blisters, heat exhaustion, sunburn

and sore bottoms," she said.

Checkpoints were set up every three miles along the way where the canoeists could have their hands re-banded or receive any other treatment necessary.

Mrs. Minty, who is superintendent of Newport West Red Cross branch,

was rewarded by the Red Cross for the work she did with refugees of the Darwin Cyclone Tracy disaster in December, 1974.

She said that the branch needed new members but wanted to assure prospective members that they were not obliged to go on canoeing marathons. Her telephone number is 391 5602.

My City

By Laurie Slee

Coming back to the story of the drug-users.

Kids who use drugs have a fierce though often gentle loyalty to one another that covers the practice from prying eyes.

Parents and other investigators often find it impossible to glean facts. No parent can be really sure what his teen-age child has played with.

That in itself is a bit frightening. But one shouldn't be surprised. The kind of society we have has emerged because of man's greed untamed and untamed. Generations have been spawned on insecurity in which greed thrives.

Kids don't see any difference between socially-accepted alcohol and other drugs that are still a bit novel to some. Alcohol can be medicinal or it can be a beverage that we like to drink whatever it's after-effects.

The kids are more honest than the society they exist in, for they reject outright the double standards by which society lives.

It is not their philosophy. They hate it. They play to those rules, however, and they can play it harder than their parents. Society makes it hard for anyone to live by a single standard.

If anyone intends to live by a single simple standard then let the price be paid.

Help for women who are depressed

The Western Region Centre for Working Women is concerned about the number of women in the west having to cope with acute depression.

Kaye Henderson, a co-ordinator at the centre, said: "Social services are not always geared to helping the many distressed women unable to cope with the ordinary anxieties of life".

She said it was a fact of our society that social workers were overworked and often had to set priorities which could not always include those with anxieties.

"Moreover," added Kaye "it could take anything from three to five months for a woman to connect up with a social worker able to give her the support she needs."

Kaye quoted the following example:

"Susan", married with three children and a husband working night shift, was becoming increasingly frightened by her violent feelings towards her children.

Left alone at night, "Susan" found she couldn't sleep, tormented by night fears and stress of isolation, financial worries and her work as a housewife with three children.

Her local doctor referred "Susan" to a social worker who, unable to make herself readily available suggested "Susan" contact the Western Region Centre for Working Women.

Pam, one of the co-ordinators at the centre has been making regular visits to "Susan" and has offered her a friendship and companionship which is one kind of support that many women suffering with depression lack.

Kaye added that recently a shop steward from a local food company contacted the centre because she knew of two workers in her workshop who had attempted suicide last year.

"With the kind of stresses that women work under, long hours of heavy labor, having to organise child care and other problems associated with young children plus general house duties, it is not surprising that many women are finding that they just can't cope alone" said Kaye.

The Western Region Centre for Working Women is finding that as a home visit and drop-in centre, it can provide the in-between back-up and support for women whose solutions to their problems seem inadequate.

Pam and Kaye feel that by being immediately available to visit women at home or have women visit them at the centre, 93 Cowper Street, Footscray, they are providing a com-

munity care which will help bridge the gap. The centre's telephone number is 689 3273.

Camps for kids

Young people aged 9-15 from the western suburbs will go to Millgrove for a four-day camping trip which is being arranged by the Footscray and District YMCA.

The camp is at the foothills of Mount Donna Buang at the junction of the Yarra and Dee Rivers.

Activities will include fishing, hiking, canoeing, swimming.

It will be staffed by members of the Y Outdoor Recreation Committee who are all experienced campers.

Dates are January 23 to 27.

The Y is planning an extensive camping programme for 1977 including bush camps, family camps and overnight hikes. A free brochure is being printed and will be available soon.

Bookings are open for the Millgrove camp and another camp at Queenscliff on February 25 to 27. Contact David Nicholson at the Y on 389 1322.

Firms and individuals are being asked to sponsor or part sponsor children to these camps. Please contact the Y on 689 1322.

Education centre entertains

Western Region Education Centre played host to regional councillors and their wives on Wednesday, December 15, when the guests were shown over the building and invited to lunch.

The president of the centre, Mr. R. Telford, in welcoming the guests, said the WREC aimed to work with community groups in the west to provide learning for people of all ages. He said there would be many projects in which the centre and municipal councils could co-operate.

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Women are invited to attend the Altona Family Planning Clinic which is held at the infant-welfare centre, 2 Somers Parade, each Wednesday from 1 to 4 pm.

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Killer shark takes dogs

Life-savers at Altona beach had to clear swimmers from the water twice over the weekend after the sighting of a 3.7 metre (12 ft.) shark near the shore.

The shark is believed to have already killed and eaten two labrador dogs.

Mrs. Merle Locke, secretary of the Altona Life Saving Club, said the shark appeared to have taken up residence off the reef at Altona.

"So far we've been very lucky — no-one's been hurt — because he appears to be very well fed — at the moment," she said.

"I don't know what will happen in the future, of course, unless someone with a bit of experience with sharks can get rid of him."

Mrs. Locke said the club had heard first-hand reports from spear fishermen diving off Altona who had lost fish to the shark.

"Apparently it just swam between the men and snatched the fish from their spears" she said. "This had happened twice."

"It's a big concern to us. You could say we are quite worried."

She said the two dogs had disappeared in the waters between Seaholme and Altona beaches.

They were habitually taken to the beach at Seaholme each morning for the past 12 months, and picked up after their swim to Altona a little later.

Last week the two young labs failed to turn up. Mrs. Locke said it was a well-documented fact that the smell of both dogs and horses will attract sharks.

"That's why we are worried about the number of dogs being brought down to the beach when there are bathers around. I don't care about early morning exercise for pets on the beach, that's fine as far as I'm concerned."

"We've had the ranger from the council, and the police down here, and they've been very co-operative, but they can't be here all the time. So I'm just hoping that people who read this and who come to the beach will leave their dogs at home."

"It's safer for everyone, including the dogs..." She said that on Friday, when swimmers had to be cleared from the water following the sighting of the shark, a woman had taken her dog out with her on her floating mattress. The beach was also cleared on Saturday.

The shark has been in the area for the past two weeks.

"We don't want to frighten people off, or create a panic, but we do have a shark around, and we want to play safe," Mrs. Locke said.

She said that this was the closest a shark had

been to Altona beach "for as long as I can remember."

Blue-ringed octopus, very small octopus with a very venomous sting, have also been found along the rock pools around the bay.

"These are very dangerous little creatures, they will bite if picked up or trodden on," Mrs. Locke said.

"But people should be very wary of them if they are searching around the rocks for mussels or shells."

Welfare group helps jobless

The Western Region Welfare Rights Movement has accused the Federal Government of applying economic policies which are causing high unemployment in the western suburbs.

A community worker with the movement, Margaret Watt, said that unemployment in the western suburbs was higher than in other metropolitan areas.

She said that towards the end of last year several plants in the west had either closed down or retrenched thousands of workers.

These included Angliss Meat Works, Nylex, Rothmans and others.

Miss Watt said, "Not only is the Government doing nothing to stimulate more employment but, worse still, it is creating more unemployment."

"The Government's savage cuts in Government expenditure, tariff cuts and currency manipulation could cause more unemployment in the next few months."

Miss Watt said that the western suburbs would have a much higher-than-average number of unemployed school-leavers. She said one third of the unemployed in Footscray were under 18.

"The Government is displaying a callous attitude to young people who left school in December," Miss Watt continued.

"The Government will not pay them unemployment benefits until February."

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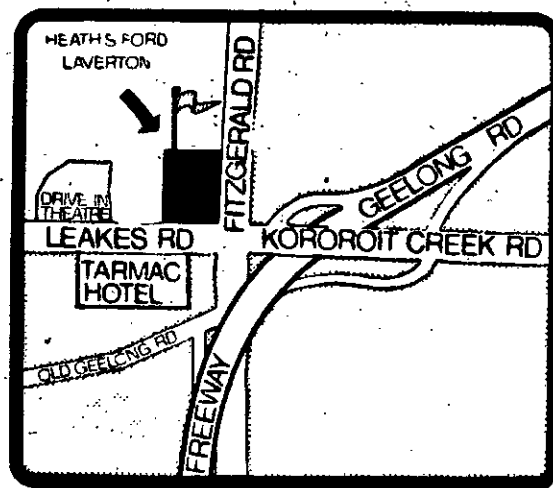
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Al Anon is growing

The Al Anon Family Groups are growing in the western suburbs.

The movement, which exists to help the relatives and friends of problem drinkers, now has five meetings in the west.

They are at Newport, Laverton, Sunshine, Deer Park and Footscray.

Members say they help themselves and each other by sharing their experience strength and hope in a positive way.

Anyone who thinks that they might be living with a drinking problem is welcome to attend. Only given names are used to preserve anonymity.

Local meeting places and times are:

Newport, Tuesday 1 pm in the Scout Hall, Market Street.

Laverton, Monday 1.30 pm in St. Martin de Porres hall, Bellin Street.

Sunshine, Wednesday 10 am at 9 Withers Street.

Deer Park, Monday 8 pm in the Deer Park Community Health Centre.

Footscray, Thursday 8 pm in St. John's Church hall, Paisley Street.

For further information, ring 267 1977.

Newport probe soon

The open hearing into the future of the Newport power station will begin on Tuesday, February 8, and run for four days.

The panel of review will accept written submissions from the public and interested organisations until January 28. This evidence will be examined during the hearing.

Submissions are being prepared by Williamstown Council and the Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society.

After the hearing, the public will be invited to submit written comments on the evidence until February 21.

Under its terms of reference, the review panel must report back to the State Government and the Trades Hall Council by March 15.

The panel was appointed last month to inquire into the environmental effects of the proposed 500 megawatt power station, the subject of a trade-union black ban.

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Greg star at tennis

When Greg Whitecross was a lad of seven, he used to join his parents and older brother Stephen for a hit of tennis.

Now, Greg is 15 and he is standing junior boy. For this, he won a trip to Singapore — which he is yet to take.

But winning the school-boy championships was nothing new to Greg. He won the under-13, under-14 and under-15 sections when he played in those.

Greg will be in fifth form at St. Paul's, North Altona, this year. His tennis is sponsored by the Casben people who also sponsor John Newcombe.

"They're pretty selective about the players they choose to sponsor," said Mrs. Whitecross proudly.

Brick breaks skull

A migrant's skull was fractured after he was struck in the head — allegedly with a house brick — in a bar of the Court House Hotel, Footscray.

The victim is Rajko Krnsta, of Parsons Street, Sunshine. He is recovering in the Western General Hospital.

Crime-car police were called to the hotel around closing time on January 8.

A witness of the incident told them that a man came in with a house brick in his hand and hit Krnsta.

Police have interviewed a fellow-countryman of the victim and taken a statement from him.

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As it dawns another year.

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— Aunt Molly.

TERRY, Evelyn May, —

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Daughter Vicki and family.

TERRY (Craddock), Evelyn May — Passed away

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A face we loved is missing.

A voice we loved is still,

A place in our hearts is vacant,

Which never can be filled.

— Loving mother and brother Paul Miles.

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In loving memory of our

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How much we miss you

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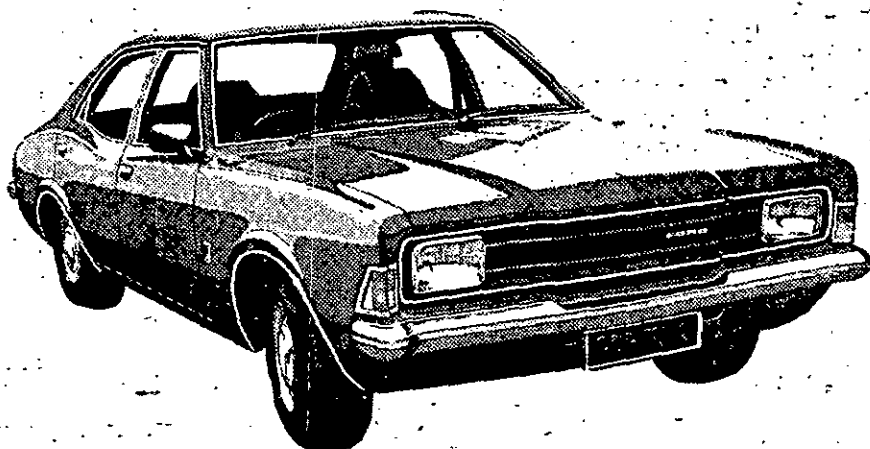
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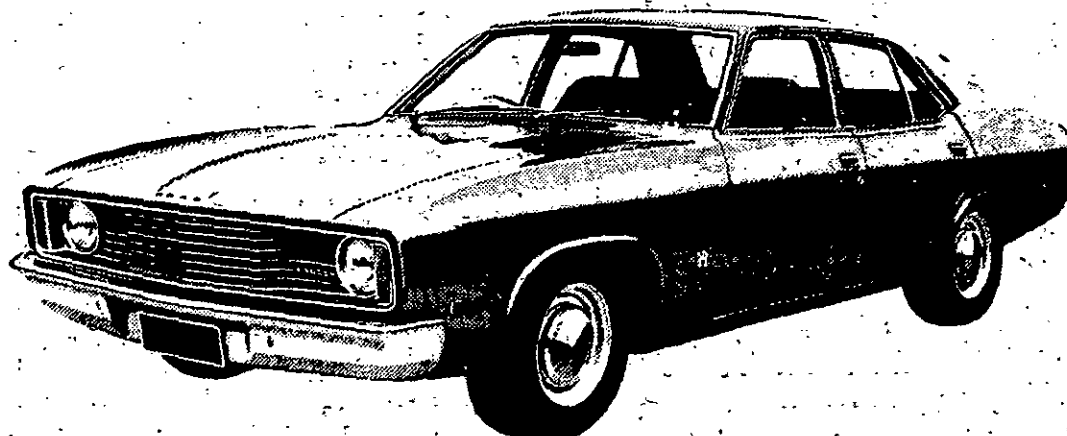
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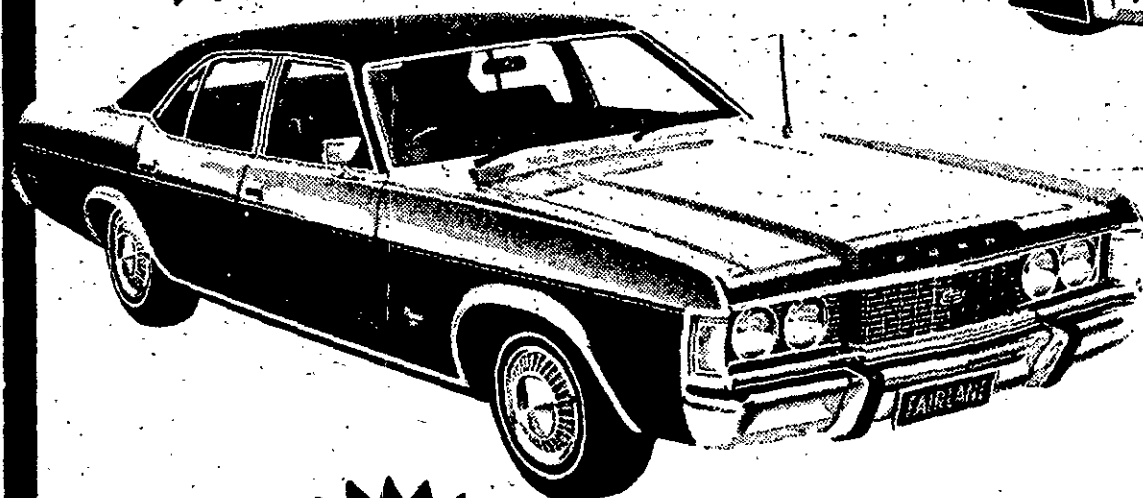
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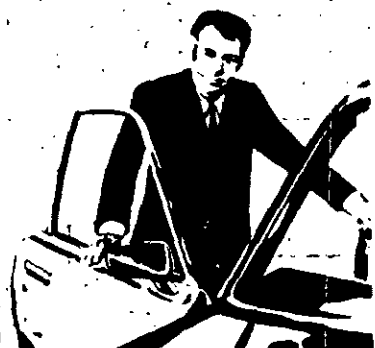
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Kids get in for their chop



Altona Council is running a holiday programmes for children in the area and last Friday, these youngsters were pictured waiting for their choops to cook during a barbecue at Cherry Lake.

Chef is David Grech.

The programmes are run each year and this year they are a bit short of children.

Any youngster between the ages of six and 15 can take part and activities range from sports to arts and crafts and outings.

The activities are held each week day from 9.15 am to about 4 pm at the Altona Youth Hall and Altona North Youth Hall, in Marion Street.

Pot-plant pinchers

Green-thumb thieves are active throughout Melbourne suburbs, but none is more discriminating than Williamstown's Pot Plant Pincher.

Dozens, perhaps even scores of plants, have been stolen in the Williamstown area in a rash of thefts going back to 1975.

Invariably the thief has selected the most valuable of any collection he has inspected.

Hanging baskets of ferns as well as plants in pots, have been taken.

The most recent theft was of a staghorn plant valued at \$100 from a house in Stewart Street.

The owner says it would have taken two men to

have removed the plant and container.

Many of the plants stolen were valued at \$50 or more.

Footscray police have two recent reports of thefts of plants.

The Western General Hospital lost a phylodendron in a planter — and an electric lamp — from the outpatients' department area.

A plant valued at \$9 was stolen from a house in Chirnside Street.

Learn first aid

The first Red Cross first aid course for 1977, will start on February 15, at Red Cross headquarters, 122 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Lectures will be held every Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm and the course comprises 10 weekly sessions.

There is no charge for instructions but students pay for their own books and bandages.

For further information, ring 63 4331, extension 41 or 59.

It's worth keeping



By JOHN DIXON

The date on this building — 1852 — is misleading. It is the date of the original hotel building on the site.

But the gracious old building is, like almost all buildings in Nelson Place, Williamstown, considered worthy of preservation and National Trust classification.

The original building was of bluestone and was the first Royal Hotel, says city historian, Wilson P. Evans.

It was then perhaps, owned by surgeon Dr. John Wilkins, whose home, also in Nelson Place and later owned by the late Dr. D. Coutts, has a National Trust classification.

The present brick building went up in 1889 and had 30 rooms.

Best known licensee of the hotel, now delicensed, was Thomas De Wardt, says Mr. Evans.

The building, almost opposite the corner of Nelson Place and Syme Street, is now used as a private hotel.

Beach theft warning

Thefts from cars and clothes along the Williamstown beach front have not been so prevalent this summer as in recent years.

But police have issued again their usual warning to beach-goers.

DON'T leave anything of value, especially money, in an unlocked car.

AND if you must leave

gear in the car, lock it in the boot.

Senior Detective Bernie Dunn, of the Williamstown CIB, said the thieves who looked for pickings around the beaches were usually very quick on the uptake.

"Police keep a watch for these offences, but we're glad to see more people taking more care of their property."

Heroin 'shot' kills man, 23

A young man died recently after injecting the drug heroin into his arm in a car at the Williamstown beach.

Williamstown police are preparing a brief for the coroner on Graham William Jones, 23, of Railway Terrace, Williamstown.

They have been told that Jones and another young man of about the same age began drinking in a Williamstown hotel about 5 pm.

They stopped at this hotel until near closing time and then went to another hotel.

From there they drove to the beach-front where powdered heroin — bought in the city — was produced.

This was dissolved in water and Jones injected it into the main artery of his left arm.

His companion has told police that Jones began to snore in the car when they drove away from the beach.

When examined at the Williamstown Hospital,

Jones was found to be dead.

An autopsy showed that he died from the effects of an overdose of heroin.

Williamstown detectives said that this tragedy should be a warning to all people who take drugs — especially in association with alcohol.

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We have a great new range of men's toiletries named Yves Saint Laurant pour homme, yes you guessed it. It's French. Available in After Shave 2 oz. After Shave 4 oz. After Shave Atomiser 4 oz. soap, shave foam, dry deodorant, eau de toilette 2 oz., eau de toilette 4 oz., and eau de toilette atomiser 4 oz. Girls, have you tried Maja yet? It is a Spanish fragrance. Well, now we have Maja Natural new lighter scent it comes in 3 sizes colognes and soaps.

Cyclax have a special face gear kit out at the moment containing four items, up glosser (with sunscreens), Natural Formula Moisturiser, Aqua Lash mascara in brownish-black (completely waterproof), and a denim carry bag with a vanity mirror all for only \$7.95. These three cosmetics alone have a value of \$11.95.

A great little travel bit to take down the beach, or holidays. We have a special in two Houbigant fragrances at the moment Chantilly eau de toilette spray 28 g. for \$5.25 and Quelques Fleurs eau de toilette spray 28 g. for \$5.25.

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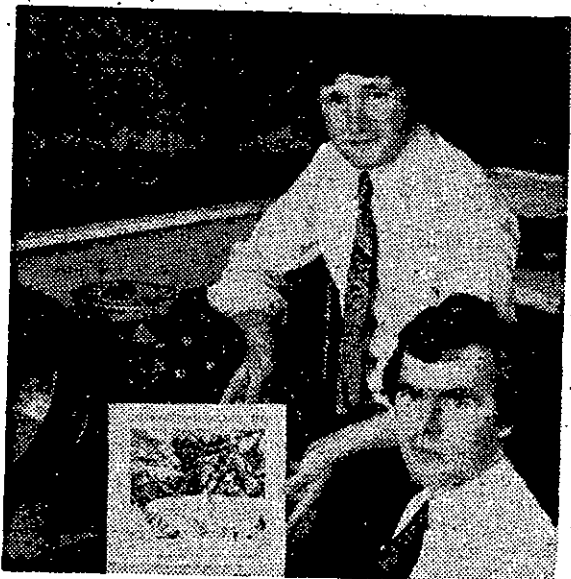


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Ex-councillor dies aged 83

A former Williamstown councillor, Mr. Edwin Peter Jones, died at the Williamstown Hospital on Sunday, January 9.

Students praise Les Crofts



Two young students who have worked as technical assistants to Altona mayor Cr. W. L. J. Crofts at Maribyrnong's Commonwealth Materials Research Laboratories have won the student class of the 20th Metallographic Exhibition of the Australasian Institute of Metals.

They are Ian Jackson, of South Melbourne, and Barry Wallace, of North Box Hill.

Their entry is described as a single optical micrograph of carburised air-cooled steel.

Mr. Wallace said he and Mr. Jackson would like to pay tribute to the perseverance and guidance Mr. Crofts had shown during the time they had worked with him.

Barry Wallace (seated) and Ian Jackson with their award-winning optical micrograph. They attribute their success to the encouragement given by Mr. W. L. J. Crofts, of Altona.

Mr. Jones, aged 83, lived in Union Street since moving to Williamstown from Richmond 55 years ago.

He represented Centre Ward on the council from 1945 to 1947.

During the 1940s he was president of the Williamstown branch of the ALP, and was auditor for the boot trades union.

His main aim during his years with the ALP and trade union movement was low-cost housing for working class families.

Mr. Jones was one of the Richmond Football Club's original supporters, and never missed a game last season. He also supported Williamstown.

He was a Hibernian for 67 years, an active member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Williamstown, and an industrial representative on the Apprenticeship Commission.

During the past two years Mr. Jones, developed an interest in travel, and he and his wife Eileen visited New Guinea and New Zealand.

He is survived by his wife, sons Kevin, Ron, Frank and Leo, and daughter Betty, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's in Cecil Street and later at the Williamstown Cemetery on Tuesday.

Boy, 12, makes pass at girl, 20

A boy aged only 12 has been charged with a sex offence over an incident in Market Street, Newport, after a complaint by a girl, 20.

Williamstown detectives have been told the boy followed the girl along the street at about 7 pm.

He spoke to her, touched her and asked her for sex. She continued walking, and the boy exposed himself.

A younger brother was with him, but did not take part in the alleged offence.

The boy was charged with assault and obscene exposure.

He and his brother both live in Newport.

Three statues of animals — a kangaroo, a deer and a lion — have been stolen from the front of houses in Footscray recently.

Mr. Alfredo Labarbera, of Empress Avenue, West Footscray, has reported the loss of a kangaroo (2 ft. 6 in. high) and a deer of the same size.

He values them at \$100. They were taken out of the garden on January 5, from his front porch where they stood among tubs containing ornamental shrubs.

Mr. Joseph Harwood, nurseryman, of Ballarat Road, reported the loss of the lion.

It is 18 in. high and he values it at \$68.

It was taken, probably by two men, from his front verandah.

Footscray detectives are investigating.

Animal statues stolen

\$360,000 ethnic co-op plan



The Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Mr. Walter Jona, unveiled yesterday a model plan of the Italo-Australian Co-operative Social Club's proposed \$360,000 community complex in Sunshine (pictured above).

Mr. Jona unveiled the plan at the Sunshine State Savings Bank.

The club plans to build its centre on 12 acres of land in Furlong Road which it has leased from the Sunshine Council.

Money will be raised by issuing shares in parcels of 600 at \$1 each. Originally, the club hoped to issue a minimum of 100 shares but that was with the prospect of large Federal and State grants which have since diminished.

Mr. Anthony Cerantonio, chairman of the board of directors said that the co-operative planned the complex to provide recreational, cultural and social activities 'because of the desperate need for these multi-cultural facilities in a region lacking so much.'

He said that the aims of the co-operative were:

- To establish promote and encourage the cultural and social activities of all migrants in the Western Region.

- To assist in the integration of all migrants.

- To maintain sporting facilities.

- To promote the spiritual welfare of all shareholders and to help needy migrants.

- To establish a youth committee to organise social and educational activities.

- To establish women's and elderly citizens' committees to organise discussion groups and activities.

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